

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the word "Specification" at page 1, line 1.

Please add the following centered heading at page 1, line 5:

TECHNICAL FIELD

Please add the following centered heading at page 1, line 9:

BACKGROUND

Please amend the paragraph from page 1, line 15 to page 2, line 2, as follows:

One attempt at solving this problem ~~consists of~~ requires connecting a plurality of individual components together in parallel within one surface-mountable component, the separate capacitors being surrounded by a common housing. One such component is known from ~~the publication~~ US Patent No. 3,685,535 ~~6,686,535~~. The parallel connection of individual capacitors within one single common housing ~~nevertheless~~ has the disadvantage that ~~the~~ production costs are high, because ~~the~~ connecting in parallel is performed approximately at the time when the manufacturing process is half complete. Additional manufacturing steps are ~~therefore still~~ necessary after the parallel connections have been made. If an individual capacitor ~~now~~ breaks down in one of these subsequent steps, the entire component ~~comprising of a plurality of individual capacitors~~ will become unusable, leading to a higher rejection rate.

Please add the following centered heading at page 2, line 3:

SUMMARY

Please add the following centered heading at page 8, line 15:

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following centered heading at page 9, line 11:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, line 12 to page 10, line 2, as follows:

Figure 1 shows a component which is built out of two individual components 21, 22 ~~lying~~ arranged one above the other. But, the invention is not restricted to two individual components 21, 22 but may be built of a plurality of individual components stacked together on top of each other or next to each other. The individual components 21, 22 each ~~demonstrate~~ have approximately the shape of a rectangular parallelepipedon. They are stacked with their flat sides on top of each other. The bottom flat side of the bottom individual component 21 forms the assembly side 4 of the component. A functional unit 101, 102 located inside a housing 71, 72 ~~21, 22~~, is provided within each of the individual components 21, 22. ~~Let it be explicitly pointed out~~ It is noted that the invention is not restricted to components in which the individual components demonstrate

functional units surrounded by housings. It is rather also conceivable that functional units without housings are stacked together.

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, lines 11 to 17, as follows:

A presentation which may schematically relate to capacitors stacked on top of each other is chosen in the right half of Figure 1 for sake of an example. Here the functional units 101, 102 would be anode bodies of tantalum capacitors. Each functional unit 101, 102 then ~~demonstrates~~ includes an anode contact 91, 92, which may, for example, include ~~consist of~~ a valve metal, such as niobium or tantalum. Each anode contact 91, 92 is connected to an individual terminal 321, 311, still within its respective housing 71, 72 ~~21, 22~~. This connection may be realized by gluing, soldering or welding for example.

Please delete page 25 in its entirety.

Please replace the Abstract on page 30 with the following new Abstract:

A surface-mounted component includes an external contact, and components that are arranged in proximity to each other and that contain terminals. The external contact is connected to the terminals by spot welds. The external contact defines a contact surface on an assembly area of the surface-mounted component. The external contact also has an area that is free of spot welds.

Please delete the phrase "Figure 1" at page 30, line 15.